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SUBJECT: MEA FLT 432 CRASH, INVESTIGATION

DEPARTMENT FOR JIM GORDON

DEPARTMENT PASS TO NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR TYLOR FOR
URGENT RELAY TO H.P. HOGUE, BOEING AIRCRAFT.

REF: DHAHRAN 0009

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED BY CONGENOFF AT 2000 HOURS LOCAL
BY SAFE HAND FROM R. KAPUSTIN.

2. QUOTE: INITIAL INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT AIRPLANE WAS FLYING
AT 37,000 FEET WHEN COMMUNICATION WAS LOST. ON SITE INVESTIGATION
INDICATES THAT FUSELAGE SEPARATED AT APPROXIMATELY BODY SECTION 520
OR AT BODY SECTION 600/620. FIRST SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF AIRPLANE
LOCATED ALONG THE FLIGHT PATH WAS THE COCKPIT SECTION FROM THE NOSE
RADOME BACK TO BODY SECTION 520/540. THE MAIN WRECKAGE IS LOCATED
3.7 KILOMETERS FARTHER ALONG THE FLIGHT PATH. THIS PORTION INCLUDES
THE SECTION FROM APPROXIMATELY BODY SECTION 600 AFT TO THE TAIL
CONE. OUTBOARD SECTION OF BOTH WINGS FROM JUST INBOARD OF THE IN-
BOARD ENGINES SEPARATED AND ARE LOCATED IN GENERAL AREA OF THE
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MAIN FUSELAGE WRECKAGE. ALL FOUR ENGINES SEPARATED AND ARE IN

GENERAL AREA OF MAIN WRECKAGE. OUTBOARD 10 FEET OF BOTH HORIZONTAL STABILIZER SECTIONS SEPARATED AND ARE SLIGHTLY FURTHER ALONG FLIGHT PATH. THE TWO AFT CARGO DOORS AND ALL PASSENGER DOORS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. THE FWD CARGO DOOR WAS FOUND 1.5 KILOMETERS UP THE FLIGHT PATH FROM THE MAIN WRECKAGE WITH HANDLE IN LOCKED POSITION. THE AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTED TO BE FLYING ON A HEADING OF 118 DEGREES AND WINDS ALOFT WERE REPORTED AS 50 KNOTS FROM 300 DEGREES. INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE CAUSE L PROBLEM.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU HAVE AVENUES OF INVESTIGATION WHICH SHOULD BE PURSUED TO AID IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF ABOVE DESCRIBED STRUCTURAL SEPARATIONS.

4. PLEASE REPLY THROUGH NTSB AND STATE DEPARTMENT TO CONSULATE GENERAL, DHAHRAN ASAP.

5. SIGNED: H.R. PIPER. UNQUOTE.
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